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We Are, Most Definitely, Not Alone! Corpus Christi Conference 2018

While many hear of Christianity "withering on the vine," both in Europe and in America, we thank God for groups like Corpus Christi.

These confessional Lutherans, who maintain a strict observance to the Word of God, meet every year in a different part of Europe, to encourage one another in holding on to the only thing that gives life, the Word of the Christ. Unfortunately, the worship that so beautifully filled our church building happened just nine days before we arrived. But we look forward to encouraging and being encouraged by these brothers and sisters in Christ!

Lastly, Prague is a city with many tourists. If you are going to be one, don't forget to come and worship with your brothers and sisters in Christ here. Even if that doesn't work out, contact us and we would love to share a meal or a beer with you and talk about what God is doing here. God be with you!

Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster
Your Missionaries in Prague, Czechia



Fall Fest

October 7, 2018
5:00-8:00

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church
2550 E. 71st Street
Tulsa, OK 74136

Attractions

Caricature Artist	Trunk or Treat
Jump Houses	Costume Contest
Discovery Lab	Camp Lutheroma
Thrivent Financial	Health Fair
LCC Comfort Dog	Craft Area
Pumpkin Decorating	Petting Zoo
Food Trucks	Photo Booth
Balloon Animals	Pony Carousel

& More

This event is free. We will be asking attendees to please consider bringing something to donate to the local food pantry.

Contact DCE Intern Carinna Corbett with questions or concerns:
families@ctrtulsa.org or 918-549-0957

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church is a member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

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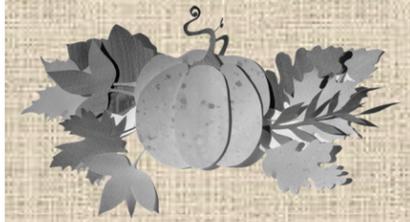
“Leading people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ”

Sunday Worship: 8:15 & 10:45 AM. Sunday School and Bible Classes

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Galatians 5:22-25
“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”

Fellow Redeemed,

These words will become a theme for us here at Christ the Redeemer in the coming months, as we break ground on our expansion and renovation. There will be more than a few things that will be out of our ability to control, as demolition and construction begins. We will need to put into practice the fruits of the Spirit. What is interesting about these fruits is this; if God has given you His Spirit, then you have these fruits. Love is the first fruit, and it is from love that all of the other fruits are brought forth by God. When we love, we show that God has reached us with His own love. It is the love of God, found in the Gospel, that is motivating our expansion. As we grow, our capacity to express and share the Gospel grows with it.

Over the course of the next two years, there will be major changes to our footprint here at 2550 E. 71st Street. Given the upcoming construction, it will be the case that we might not be able to facilitate all of the ministries that we have always done in the past. It will be during these times that we will need to exercise the fruits of the Spirit: patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control. We will make every effort to keep programming the way it has always been.

As the Galatians passage makes clear, we here at CTR belong to Jesus Christ, and have been crucified our sinful nature so that what rises up is a child of God full of His fruit. May God continue to keep us in His love as we look for opportunities to exercise His fruits of the Spirit. Amen.



Minister to Your Ministers

In honor of Clergy Appreciation Month, use these alphabetical reminders of how to treat your pastors:

- A**ccept them as people.
- B**uild them up. Say "thank you".
- C**ommunicate with them.
- D**efend them when someone tries to run them down.
- E**ntertain them. They like to have fun, too!
- F**amily. Allow them to have a family life.
- G**enuine. Be honest with them. Be yourself around them.
- H**onor them. Don't put them on a pedestal, but respect them.
- I**ncome. Pay them enough so money isn't a concern.
- J**udge not! Avoid being critical.
- K**ind. Treat pastors as you want to be treated.
- L**ove. See 1 Corinthians 13.
- M**aintain. Their families have the same needs as other families.
- N**urture. Help them grow in grace.
- O**ffer to help. The list of things you can do is endless.
- P**ray for them. Lift up their names to God daily.
- Q**uelch not. Encourage instead!
- R**ejoice in and with them.
- S**urprise them - in little and big ways.
- T**rust them. Believe in them.
- U**nderstand them. Put yourself in their place.
- V**acation. They need time away.
- W**elcome them into your home. Don't wait for an invitation.
- eX**pend yourself, not them.
- Y**oke. Help them bear their burdens with grace and dignity.
- Z**ap all gossip!



Join CTR on Facebook & Twitter!

Keep up with coming events, announcements, and updates about recent events including pictures. The public events page is at: <http://www.facebook.com/ChristTheRedeemerLutheranChurch>

The private group is at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ctrtulsa/>
For the Twitter account use: @PastorBe_CTR

To join the private group, click Join Group in the top right hand corner of the page or contact James Morgan via e-mail: communications@ctrtulsa.org



Stay in Touch

LWML NEWS

Many thanks to CTR members and Thrivent Action Team dollars for their support this past year in providing items and funds to make up the various LWR kits and quilts as well as the designated funding from the Ministry of Outreach budget. We thank you for your many prayers and words of encouragement as we continue to grow this much needed outreach ministry. One of the National LWML grants also helps with shipping these items for us.

We will be shipping out 259 quilts, 176 personal care kits, 417 school kits, 34 sewing kits and 58 pounds of soap. This all totaled 2,714 pounds.

The ladies of the LWML would not have been able to accomplish this work to the Glory of God's Kingdom without each of you. Whether you are aware of it or not, when you approve the annual CTR budget, you are granting support of these much needed items.

If any of you would like to be a part of this ongoing ministry, please contact Lynne Kollock or Carol



Lutheran Women in Mission

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We visit many congregations raising funds for our work. But every once in awhile, we have a visit with a church that exceeds our expectations. The warm reception and kind words we received from so many members at Christ the Redeemer were an encouragement to us. It makes us feel good to know we have such wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ standing beside us in our work. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless your work and now your new capital campaign. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to bring generations to come to the Gospel proclaimed so clearly at your church. God be with you until we meet again.



We commend you to Christ, Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster Pastor and Missionary to the Czech Republic

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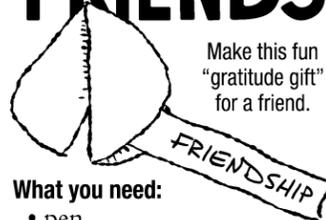
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Quenched

I hunger and I thirst;
Jesus my manna be.
Ye living waters burst
Out of the rock for me.

Thou bruised and broken bread,
My lifelong wants supply.
As living souls are fed,
Oh, feed me, or I die.
--John S.B. Monsell

Fortunate
FRIENDS



Make this fun "gratitude gift" for a friend.

What you need:

- pen
- round object to trace (about 4 inches across)
- lightweight colored paper
- scissors
- ruled notebook paper
- Chinese food takeout box (or small paper gift bag)
- hot glue gun

What you do:

1. Trace circles onto the colored paper and cut them out.
2. Cut strips of notebook paper and write messages to a friend (or Bible verses about friendship).
3. Fold each circle in half without making a crease. Secure the top center edge with glue.
4. Pull the outside edges together by creating a bend in the center of the paper. Undo the bend and insert the fortune.
5. Re-bend the "cookie" into shape and add glue inside to hold it in place.
6. Put all the "cookies" in a takeout box and give to your friend.

QUILTS



An LWR quilt is special! It brings warmth and shelter to families by becoming a bed, room divider, backpack, and at times even a home.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?? We need help in purchasing the fabric to make the quilt tops. Each quilt costs approximately \$25 to make. Donations marked "LWML quilts" can be dropped in the mite box or put in the offering plate. Filler material of new/used blankets as well as flat sheets in twin size or larger are also needed (no other filler fabric can be used). Prayers for our quilt program are needed plus prayers for the recipients of our quilts.

The quilters meet every Tuesday at 10:00 in the fellowship hall. You can cut squares, sew squares, assemble the filler and tops, tie the quilts - anything you are interested in doing! Join us - we would appreciate your help!



Faithful Measures

For the Month of August	2017	2018
Total Worship Attendance	965	957
Weekly Average.....	241	239
SS/Bible Class Attendance	324	355
Weekly Average	81	89
August Giving	\$79,258	\$50,259
Monthly Budget	\$63,788	\$65,226
Year to Date Giving	\$583,419	\$553,513
Year to Date Budget	\$558,145	\$554,424
YTD Expenses.....	\$484,027	\$665,106

Make it Count!

This is our time on the history line of God.
This is it.
What will we do with the one deep exhale of God on this earth?
For we are but a vapor and we have to make it count. We're on.
Direct us, Lord, and get us on our feet.
--Beth Moore



Congratulations and God's richest blessings to all of our couples as they celebrate their wedding anniversary!

Tasha & Anthony Bury	Oct. 1	13 yrs
Chuck & Leigh Ann Fuller	Oct. 1	30 yrs
Alex & Hailee Goossen	Oct. 2	2 yrs
Tom & Barbara Sprunger	Oct. 2	47 yrs
Ed & Diane Fager	Oct. 6	39 yrs
Kimberly & Nick Shannon	Oct. 6	34 yrs
Marty & Rosalie Weber	Oct. 8	52 yrs
Shawn & Sandy Cooper	Oct. 12	22 yrs
Heather & Jarrod Mann	Oct. 15	7 yrs
Mitch & Danita Cockrell	Oct. 17	31 yrs
Robert & Jocelyn Bentley	Oct. 21	1 yrs
Jesse & Anita Overton	Oct. 30	14 yrs
Sam & Beverly Woodard	Oct. 30	25 yrs

The Joke Corner...

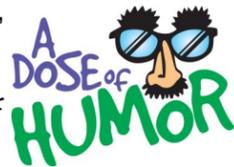
Dad came home from work just before supper and his five-year-old daughter met him on the sidewalk. She was not smiling so he asked why. "Is something wrong, honey?" he asked. "Yes, all day long I've been having trouble with your wife."

I'm supposed to tell you that there will be a small parent-teacher meeting tomorrow night," said the boy to his dad.

"Well, if it's going to be small, do I have to go?"

"Oh, yes," replied the son.

"It's just you, me, the teacher and the principal."



DON'T TRASH THOSE COUPONS!

Military personnel and their families stationed at major overseas bases in Europe and Asia can use those manufacturer's coupons up to six months after they have expired. A box marked "Coupons for the Troops" is located at the south entrance.

FALL CLOTHING DRIVE FOR HARVEST HOUSE



Harvest House is just down the street and this is an opportunity for us to work with them to meet the daily living needs of our area families.

Please bring clean and gently used, or brand new, clothing and household items to church all during the month of October. Especially needed at this time are items for the cold weather ahead such as sweaters, long pants, coats, blankets. Visit the table in the entry hallway area for more information and to drop off your items.

Oaks Indian Mission

The offering for this quarter will go to Oaks Indian Mission, a Lutheran ministry, that serves children from ages 4-18 from a multitude of tribal backgrounds.

Please give generously to this quarter's recipient of our Sunday school offering.



A Message from Take H.E.A.R.T.

FLU SHOTS are coming to CTR

When: October 7th 9am-1pm and during Fall Festival 5pm-8pm

Cost: \$10 or FREE with Medicare

Who: given by the Caring Nurse Association

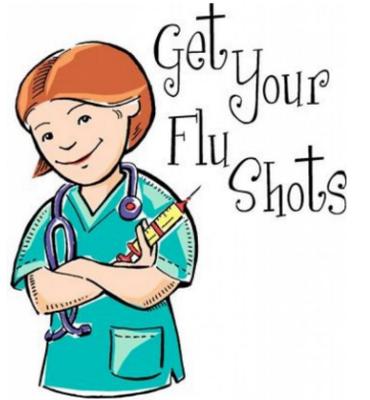
"Here is the church and here is the steeple.

Open the doors but where are all of the people?"

Let's keep a healthy congregation this flu season.

Get the flu shot so you feel well and come to church.

God is doing amazing things through you here at CTR.



what color do you **BLEED?**

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Sunday, October 21
9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Look for the Bloodmobile!

To schedule your appointment, sign up at the blood drive table.

Donors get a choice of **BLEED OSU CRIMSON** or **BLEED OSU ORANGE** t-shirt!

Oklahoma Blood Institute

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"Whenever we see the Word of God purely preached and heard, there a church of God exists, even if it swarms with many faults."

"Scripture is like a pair of spectacles which dispels the darkness and gives us a clear view of God."

CTR FRIENDS will meet on October 14 at Cardigan's (Lewis & 61st) for lunch.

BUNCO will be at church with hostess Kathy Matthieu, on October 9 at 7:00. There is a sign-up sheet.

LWML NEWS: On October 16 the LWML will be volunteering at Operation School Bell from 9-12:00 at Assistance League of Tulsa (5350 E 31st St.). Contact Kathy Stephen with questions - 281-782-7783.

OWLS will meet October 25 at 11:30 at Incredible Pizza for lunch and program. Cost of the buffet is \$8. A sign up sheet is posted at the south entrance.

PLEASE NOTE - PARKING FOR FALL FESTIVAL: Because of planned activities in much of CTR's normal parking area 1) If your vehicle will be involved in trunk or treat enter the east driveway (nearest the ECC playground) and park near the playground area 2) If you need and use handicapped parking please enter the west driveway and park in the spaces as you normally would on Sundays 3) ALL OTHERS - Please park in the Atlanta South parking lot adjacent to CTR.



DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Recycling Drive

INK CARTRIDGES: The LWML will recycle all the following items for you: empty inkjet and laser printer cartridges (NO Epson cartridges or remanufactured cartridges). Boxes are located at the collection center at the south entrance of the church.

MOST Ministries collects eyeglasses and distributes them to people all over the world. A collection box is located at the collection center. For more information go to www.mostministries.org.

PAPER & OTHER RECYCLING: You can recycle all your mail/newspapers, etc. as well as cardboard, metal cans and plastic containers (no glass items) in the collection bin in the southeast corner of the parking lot.



CTR-U Monthly Schedule

NO CTR-U ON OCTOBER 31

5:00-5:30 PM - Children's Chimes Choir Practice - Sanctuary
5:00-6:00 PM - Youth Band Practice- Jacob Drengler

5:30-6:30 PM

- ◆ Faith Friends - Gym- DCE Intern Carinna
- ◆ Confirmation Class - Library - DCE Suzanne
- ◆ Youth Ministry Bible Study- Youth Room- Pastor Burmeister
- ◆ Women's Small Group- Conference Room
- ◆ Men's Small Group - Bridal Room
- ◆ Craft Class - Fellowship Hall - October 10

6:00-7:00 PM - Come & Go Dinner Menu

- ◆ Oct. 3 - Pizza, salad bar, dessert
- ◆ Oct. 10 - Taco & salad bar, dessert
- ◆ Oct. 17 - Chicken strips, salad bar, dessert
- ◆ Oct. 24 - Tomato soup, salad bar, dessert

6:45-7:45 PM

- ◆ Pre-Confirmation (4th-5th grade) DCE Intern Carinna - youth room

7:00-8:00 PM

- ◆ Choir Practice
- ◆ Men's Small Group continues
- ◆ Youth Group (Jr/Sr High 6th-12th grade) DCE Suzanne-outside/gym
- ◆ Lutheranism 101 - Pastor Burmeister - fellowship hall



Craft Class October 10 - 5:30

This month's class will be a wine bottle vase. This technique can be used for other bottles so you can make a collection of them to show off your favorite cut flowers or silk arrangements and change it up for every holiday or season.



Class is limited to 12 participants.

Cost of the class is \$5.00.

Daily Bible Reading

Week 37

Monday - 2 Chronicles 13:1-14:15
 Tuesday - 2 Chronicles 15:1-16:14
 Wednesday - 2 Chronicles 17:1-18:34
 Thursday - 2 Chronicles 19:1-20:37
 Friday - 2 Chronicles 21:1-22:12
 Saturday - 2 Chronicles 23:1-24:27

Week 38

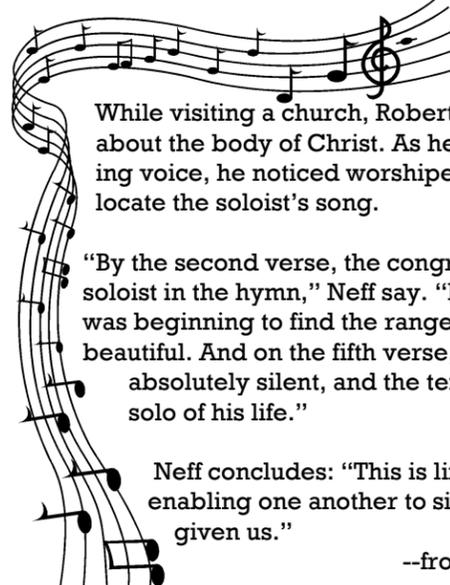
Monday - 2 Chronicles 25:1-26:23
 Tuesday - 2 Chronicles 27:1-28:27
 Wednesday - 2 Chronicles 29:1-26
 Thursday - 2 Chronicles 30:1-31:21
 Friday - 2 Chronicles 32:1-33
 Saturday - 2 Chronicles 33:1-25

Week 39

Monday - 2 Chronicles 34:1-35:27
 Tuesday - 2 Chronicles 26:1-23
 Wednesday - Ezra 1:1-2:70
 Thursday - Ezra 3:1-4:24
 Friday - Ezra 5:1-6:22
 Saturday - Ezra 7:1-8:36

Week 40

Monday - Ezra 9:1-10:44
 Tuesday - Nehemiah 1:1-11
 Wednesday - Nehemiah 2:1-3:32
 Thursday - Nehemiah 4:1-6:19
 Friday - Nehemiah 7:1-8:18
 Saturday - Nehemiah 9:1-10:39



Finding Our Range

While visiting a church, Robert Neff learned a lesson about the body of Christ. As he listened to a tenor's faltering voice, he noticed worshipers pulling out hymnals to locate the soloist's song.

"By the second verse, the congregation had joined the soloist in the hymn," Neff say. "By the third verse, the tenor was beginning to find the range. By the fourth verse, it was beautiful. And on the fifth verse, the congregation was absolutely silent, and the tenor sang the most beautiful solo of his life."

Neff concludes: "This is life in the body of Christ, enabling one another to sing the tune Christ has given us."

--from *Witnesses of a Third Way*

Rose Parade History & Decorating the Floats

(by: Ken Eggers)

I am not an authority on the history of the Rose Parade. I can only relate to you what my wife, Dot, and I learned during our 15 years of decorating Rose Parade floats.

The Rose Parade started in 1889. Initially the Rose Parade Committee had trouble finding organizations willing to participate in the new and expensive venture. As an incentive to attract more participants, the committee guaranteed a lifetime position in the parade. The offer was just for a limited time. The Salvation Army and the Lutheran Hour (a Sunday sermon radio program of the Lutheran Church) took advantage of this offer and are still participants today.

As interest grew in the parade, the committee tightened its entry rules. Today it is very difficult to enter the parade for the first time. Special consideration is given to organizations and businesses celebrating 100-year anniversaries and award-winning bands. The Broken Arrow High School band has been in the parade twice in recent years.

My wife, Dot, and I were youth counselors at our Lutheran Church in Fullerton, California. When the church received an invitation to decorate the Lutheran Hour float, the kids were eager to go. So were the counselors! The Lutheran Hour float decorators are called petal pushers.

Float decorating takes place in large buildings called barns or in tents temporarily set up in vacant lots in Pasadena. Luckily our float was always in a barn because, believe it or not, it does rain in Southern California and tents leak. In my limited memory, I recall only one time it rained slightly during the parade. It rained a number of times between Christmas and parade day but just that once during the parade.

The float barns are operational all year. A small crew works to prepare the float for the next parade. As soon as a new design is established, the old float structure is altered to accommodate the new design. It is crucial that all engine fumes are safely conducted outside the float. Also crucial is the running condition of the engine that propels the float. It must be in tip-top condition so it will not break down on the 5 1/2 mile parade route. Each float is equipped with a hitch on the front so if it does break down, one of the tow vehicles stationed along the parade route can quickly hook up and tow the float the rest of the way. I've seen this happen just once.

The final decorating with flowers, petals and other plant materials are applied between Christmas and parade day. Every inch of the float's outer structure must be covered by some kind of plant material - preferably flowers.

In preparation for the decorating, areas on the floats are marked with initials LT (for long-tack glue) or ST (for short-tack glue). Heartier flowers and petals go on the LT areas and short-lived flowers and petals go on the ST areas. A sample is glued in each area so the decorators know

what material and what color goes in each area. ST glue is used only on the last two or three days before the parade. Orchids are placed on at the very last minute. They are inserted into vials of water and the vials are fastened to the structure in some manner.

Some volunteers are given the job of stripping the petals off their stems. Stripping rose petals was always a "fun" job because of the thorns. Naturally, most of the petals used are rose petals because, after all, it is the Rose Parade. To each all areas of the float, scaffolding is set up and moved around the float as needed. Sometimes the decorators are required to lie on their backs or in some other awkward position to reach all the areas. That's why float supervisors asked for youth groups. The youth counselors were asked to stay off the scaffolding.

When the float supervisors received replies from the church youth groups, they schedule all new groups to the five days after Christmas and the experienced groups the two or three days before the parade. This is so the experienced groups can do the more delicate decorations. Whenever the float supervisors receive large numbers of volunteers, they arrange for work on other floats such as the Salvation Army and the two floats for the teams playing in the Rose Bowl.

The barn we were in had an elevated walkway so visitors could watch the work going on below without interfering. There was interference enough from the panel of judges that scrutinize each float every day between Christmas and parade day.

The night before the parade, the floats are lined up in the order they appear in the parade, along both sides of Orangefair Street. Orangefair dead ends into Colorado Boulevard which is the parade route. Bands and horse groups line up in their proper order on the side streets of Orangefair.

The floats end up in a Pasadena City Park for a few days so people can view them close up. Maybe some of you who watch the TV show "Dirty Jobs" saw the episode about cleaning all the stuff off the floats. The cleaned floats are returned to their respective barns to be made ready for the next parade.



2019 Float is Entitled: The Melody of Life

It is our hope and prayer of the float committee that the Holy Spirit will touch the hearts and lives of those who come into contact with this float. The LHM float project relies solely on the generous support of our many Christian friends. The cost to enter the only Christian float in the Rose Parade is NOT budgeted by LHM, LCMS or any other Lutheran organization. It is totally self-funded by volunteers with NO salaried staff.

Patti Ross and Teresa Nightingale are going to help out this year. If you'd like more information, please contact them. You can donate to the float committee by contacting Lou Marting at lmarting@cox.net.

Vicarage News

To friends dearly loved by the Brakhages and by our Lord Jesus Christ:

These newsletter deadlines have a way of sneaking up on you. I am always grateful for the opportunity to share the happenings in our family's life while getting a chance to catch up on all that's going on with our family of faith at CTR. Many thanks to the hearts and hands that work so hard to put together the monthly newsletters, weekly bulletins, and daily Facebook posts. Your work is appreciated. Maybe if you get the chance, you might like to give them a pat on the back. And while you're at it, give them one from me, too.

Now that school is back in session, I'm starting to get a good idea of the true rhythm of ministry at Holy Trinity. It's a non-stop week, with religion classes Monday through Friday and a full-load of four worship services on Sunday morning. This week, for example, I will be preaching four out of the seven days: Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. It was my turn to preach on Sunday morning this week, which means I'm responsible for a new sermon for our regular Wednesday night worship as well. I will turn around and give the same sermon at a nursing home chapel service on Thursday. And I've been invited to lead the opening worship and offer a short message at our zone LWML Fall Fest this weekend. I am truly excited about all the opportunities I am being given to put the skills we learn at the Seminary into work.

I also am in the rotation to lead weekly chapel services at our Christian day school. The kids get a full-on worship service, complete with hymns, prayers and a sermon. They also usually involve an extended skit of some kind. The associate pastor, the DCE, and I take turns writing and acting in the skits. Some skits are pretty silly, but the staff here really puts their heart into making them come alive for the kids. Suzy's parents just happened to be in town the Wednesday after Labor Day. They came to chapel to sing, pray, and see one of the skits I wrote. It was appropriately goofy. It's sometimes fun to be part of ministry without having to take yourself too seriously.

Suzy's speech therapy workload has been increasing as she collects more referrals. Suzy sees kids at a variety of home and office treatment locations. She has also begun seeing some children from the church. She meets the son of one of the church's elders at a nearby library for regular therapy. Suzy finds a great deal of satisfaction in using her gifts to serve the kids around her. She also enjoys helping Graham discover new words and signs. Graham has almost a dozen words he uses regularly, including "ball," "splash," and "bye-bye." He enjoys trips to the park, roaming around the front yard, and making new friends at church, especially if they're around his age.

Last month, Graham started a Mother's Day Out program at another LCMS church here in Edmond. His first day in child care was not the best. Graham had a hard time adjusting to being in a new place with new people. And as his parents, it was hard to leave him with people we barely knew for such an extended period. We prayed and asked God if we were doing the right thing. Knowing that exposing him to new situations and opportunities to socialize is good for him, we decided to keep going, and his second day at Mother's Day Out was a success. Graham had a happy time and appreciated the chance to play with new friends and new toys. He's looking forward to going back this week!

Our family truly hopes to make a visit to CTR sometime soon. We miss the warmth and familiarity that comes from being among our CTR family. It's always fun to read the exciting things that are happening at our home church and see pictures of the people and events that we hold so close to our hearts. And it's always good to bump into CTR friends when I'm out on official 'vicarage' business. We had a circuit meeting with other OKC-area pastors last month and CTR's Deon Hull was in attendance. It gave us a chance to catch up on each other's families and churches. This month, I'll travel to Enid for the Oklahoma District churchworkers' conference. I am hoping it affords an opportunity to see and chat with friends from CTR and other Tulsa-area congregations.

My duties as vicar here at Holy Trinity have me working rather closely with our DCE, Lindsey Duerr. Lindsey helps with the weekly school chapel services like I do. We both teach daily religion classes at the middle school. We are both involved with Wednesday evening youth education; I teach confirmation and Lindsey leads a high school Bible study. She is passionate about seeing the faith of young people grow and mature, much like CTR's Suzanne Watt and DCE intern Carinna Corbett. The blessing these ministry professionals are to the church can be felt well beyond their respective congregations. For example, I know many of Holy Trinity's middle schoolers are excited about the JOY retreat at Camp Lutheroma that Suzanne helps organize every year. And high schoolers here are looking forward to the trip to Concordia University Nebraska trip that Suzanne has put together over Fall Break. Thank you, CTR, for supporting Suzanne and for investing in the future of youth ministry by participating in the DCE internship program. Their ministry touches lives and helps shape young disciples for a lifetime.

It's hard to decide what story to close with, but this one makes my heart happy and so I'd like to share my joy. Suzy and I met a couple of first-year students at the Seminary last year. One was a deaconess student who grew up near where my sister lives in Arkansas. The other was a pastoral student who's from my great-aunt's church in Wichita. They're both incredibly sweet people, exactly the kind of hearts you would hope would go into full-time ministry. Both also took a liking to Graham (and winning over Graham is the easiest way to win over his parents.) As soon as Suzy found out both of them were single, she started hoping (and praying) that somehow they'd get together. We even had them over to our apartment together for dinner. As we left for vicarage, we were curious whether their friendship would blossom into a love story. Suzy and I were overjoyed when we saw on Facebook last week that they are engaged! Suzy is the kind of hopeless romantic who would love nothing more than to say she was responsible for two people finding lifelong love. She's not claiming responsibility in this case, but it's definitely true that she was praying for them both. We are excited to see what the Lord has in store for them.

As always, please feel free to reach out with ways we can be praying for you and your family, too, and we hope to see many of you soon.

With hopeful expectation, Joshua

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Rishmawi Family Visits CTR - November 4



We will have a special opportunity to view products and creations in wood created by the hands of Christian artisans in and around the Holy Land region. The Rishmawi Family has been designated as the representative for these wonderful Christian artisans and has been authorized to show their olive wood carvings.

The tradition of Olive wood carvings in the Holy Land has been handed down from father to son since the 12th century. Due to the difficulties of the last few years in the Middle East, tourism has been dramatically reduced and these folks have suffered greatly. This is causing the Christian community to immigrate to different countries leaving the Christian population at 2% today from 25% ten years ago.

We invite you to visit their display tables and view some of the finest handcrafts available from the Holy Land. This Family strives to bring these fine carvings to our church.

You can view these beautiful items On-Line @ <http://www.bethlehem-art.com/> You can also join them on a life-changing Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - visit them at www.Goodshepherdtravel.com

Altar Flowers

The sign-up chart is available at the information center. Write your name on the date and share the special reason for the flowers. Simply drop your \$35 check (put **ALTAR FLOWERS** on the memo line) in the offering plate the week before or that Sunday! You may take the arrangement home following the late service.

OCTOBER

Flowers for the Altar

7: by Marty & Rosalie Weber in celebration of their anniversary
7:
14: with love by the family of Bill Fader in celebration of his birthday
14:
21: by James & Ann Holt in celebration of their birthdays
21: by Debby Brauer in memory of Paul
28: by Sam & Beverly Woodard in celebration of their 25th anniversary on the 30th
28:

**South Tulsa Community House
Awareness Sundays**

On the fourth Sunday of each month, we will observe a special awareness of the needs of South Tulsa Community House by placing the grocery cart at the north entrance for your donations. Regular weekly donations will still be continued throughout each month at the collection center near the south entrance.

Donations needed include food, toiletry, and household items as well as empty prescription bottles. Let's keep filling the grocery cart, sharing God's blessings with those who are less fortunate.

FOOD DRIVE

goodshop **Raise Money While You Shop & Browse the Web**

To support Lutheran Women's Missionary League, shop at **Amazon Smile**. The products, shopping experience, and even your login and password are the same as on amazon.com. They donate 0.5% of your purchase to your charity. You can also shop at hundreds of sites through **GoodShop** and **Gumdrop**. Use **GoodSearch** when you browse the web and support the LWML at the same time. The percentage donated depends on where you shop. **\$24,010 has been raised so far through these sources for LWML!**



LWML WEBSITE UPDATES

LWML has a new webpage on the CTR website! We will post upcoming events, pictures of LWML at work and play, and links to a variety of resources. You can check it out at ctrtulsa.org/lwml. The LWML Oklahoma District has updated their website at oklwml.org with all of the district happenings, regular updates on our mission goals, an archive of The Voice of Service newsletters, Young Women, Forms & Resources and more. As always, you can find up-to-date information on LWML at the national level at lwml.org.



Jacob Dregler
Music Director

Music is an integral part of the work of the people of God. "Through the Church, the song goes on." This line is excerpted from the well-known hymn *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*. In worship each week we sing songs of the wondrous, creative, enlivening works of God. We sing the Incarnation, we sing Christ's Passion, we sing the Resurrection story, we sing the praise of the One who called us out of darkness into God's marvelous light. Gathered in community as the Church, we give voice to the praise of the Creator of the universe. But why do we sing? Specifically, why is it that our communal praise finds its voice most naturally in song?

Music is a gift of God. Martin Luther said of music, "music is an outstanding gift of God and next to theology, I would not want to give up my slight knowledge of music for a great consideration." God's people have always sung. When the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, Moses and Miriam sang. When Samuel was born, Hannah sang. When Gabriel brought news of the promised Messiah to Mary, she sang. On the night of Christ's betrayal, he and his disciples sang a hymn. The early Church sang psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, and the Church has continued to sing throughout the ages.

The Church's song has continued, undiminished through times of war, tribulation, and hardship. We do not only

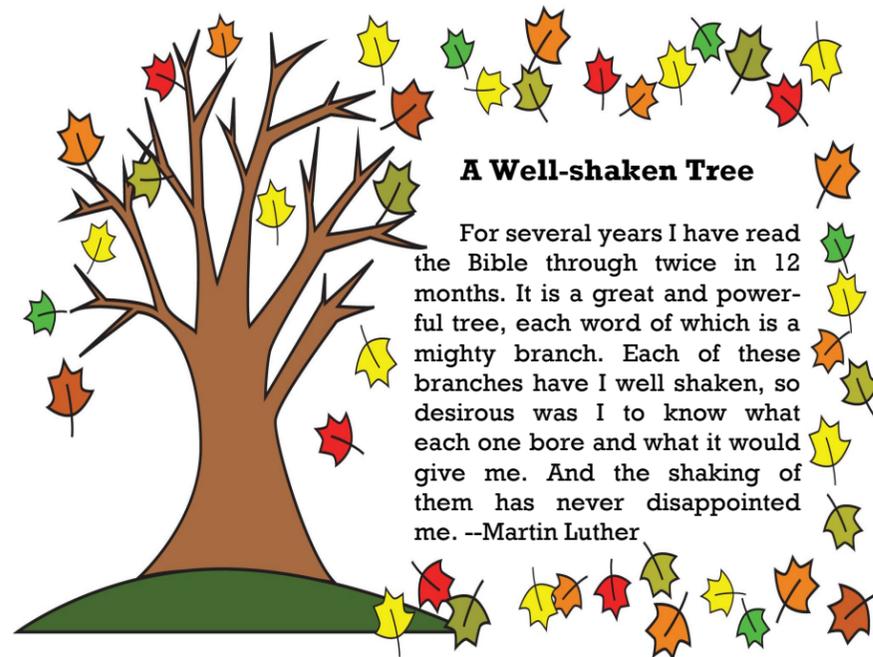
sing songs of joy, for we know only too well the weight of sin, death, depression, oppression, grief, and injustice. Through song, we are able to give voice to lament and pain. Consider these verses from the Psalms: "Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord" (Ps. 130:1); "By the rivers of Babylon we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion" (Ps. 137:1). Consider too those things which rend your own heart; those things which would seek to silence the voice of singing within you. In spite of these things, we are able to continue to live and sing in hope. The Psalmist goes on to remind us of the reason for that hope: "Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption" (Ps. 130:7).



Which brings us to one final question. Whose voices comprise the song of the Church? The simple answer is all of us! God's song is not only for those with melodious voices. It is for all those whose hearts are tuned to the praise of God. The Church's song requires all our voices; that through the Church the story of God's saving works may continue to be told. To God alone be the glory!



OWLS met in August and enjoyed a presentation by Pat Bartley!



A Well-shaken Tree

For several years I have read the Bible through twice in 12 months. It is a great and powerful tree, each word of which is a mighty branch. Each of these branches have I well shaken, so desirous was I to know what each one bore and what it would give me. And the shaking of them has never disappointed me. --Martin Luther

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Nikki Witt, Director



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CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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DCE Intern Carinna Corbett

This fall we have so many wonderful things coming up! I am excited to share with you about our Fall Festival, Fall Force, CTR-U, and more! Check out everything going on for Families and Children this fall at CTR! Find information on Fall Fest on the cover page!

TIMELESS BIBLE TRUTHS

Pre-Confirmation Wednesday Nights
6:45-7:45
Youth Room

THE ILLUSTRATED SMALL CATECHISM

Faith Friends
Wednesdays
5:30-6:30
Meet in the Gym

CONNECT NIGHT

DATE: NOVEMBER 3
LOCATION: TI AMOS
TIME: 6:00-8:00 PM

Parent night out, childcare is provided at the church!

PLEASE EMAIL DCE INTERN CARINNA WITH ANY QUESTIONS
FAMILIES@CTRTULSA.ORG

SIGN UP WILL GO OUT AT THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER NEXT TO THE LIBRARY!

Camp Lutherhoma Fall Force
November 16-18, 2018

A weekend retreat for campers ages 8-12

- Connect with friends and fun camp counselors
 - Grow in your relationship with Jesus
 - Experience fun camp games and activities like rumble ball, archery, hikes, arts and crafts, and more!
- Cost: \$100 per camper!
- Register with Carinna by signing up outside of the library by October 28. Campers will be divided by age and gender into cabin groups led by Camp Lutherhoma Summer Counselors. Therefore, campers can come with or without a church group and leader. Campers can be dropped off on Friday and picked up on Sunday, or parents/youth leaders can stay through the weekend to experience the fun with the kids.



DCE Suzanne Watt

CHRIST THE REDEEMER YOUTH MINISTRY

Jr. High (6-8th graders)
Sr. High (9-12th graders)



"8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

UPDATED INFORMATION ON NYG 2019



Registration for the 2019 Gathering is to be submitted by October 7, 2018 with full or partial (\$200) non-refundable registration payment. A non-refundable registration fee totaling \$365 will be required and due in full by December 31, 2018 for each student. After registration the remainder of the cost to attend NYG will be fundraised. Any money not fundraised by the time of the Gathering will be the responsibility of the participant.

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Support your favorite football team & support our youth who are heading to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in 2019!

- Rules:**
- ADD POINTS**
1 Penny = 1 Point
\$1 Bill = 100 points
\$5 Bill = 500 points
\$10 Bill = 1000 points
\$20 Bill = 2000 points

- SUBTRACT POINTS**
1 Nickel = -5 Points
1 Dime = -10 Points
1 Quarter = -25 points
1 Half Dollar = -50 points
\$1 coin = -100 points
Checks = -Check Amount



Get your coins in by October 28!

Save the Date!

- NYG Registration DUE Oct 7, 2018
- Joy Jr High Gathering Oct 12-14, 2018
- C.L.A.S.S. Student Leadership Conference Oct 18-20, 2018
- Jr High Christmas Party Dec 16, 2018
- Journey in January High School Retreat Jan 18-20, 2019
- CTR Jr High Retreat Feb 1-3, 2019
- OK'D in Christ High School Gathering March 29-30, 2019
- Easter Breakfast Apr 21, 2019



Our Junior High Sunday School class is currently going through the Bible from start to finish on Sunday mornings. We have a full house! If you haven't joined us yet, we'd love to see you.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Digging Into God's Word, to Build Up Our Faith

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9:30 Meet us in the Gym

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